

implementation and advancement of the CCMP management actions. Members shall advise these groups of actions and information relevant to research and monitoring issues in the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed.

- c. The STAC will have no authority other than as an advisory body.
  - d. The STAC will serve as a forum for the exchange of scientific information about the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system.
  - e. The STAC shall select two members to serve on the Policy Board.
  - f. The STAC shall be responsible for determining its own rules of order, bylaws, chairmanship, attendance requirements, and other matters of protocol.
3. Meetings.
- a. The STAC shall meet at least two times each year, or more frequently if deemed appropriate, or upon request by the Policy Board or the Program Director.
  - b. Federal, state, and local agencies with environmental management responsibilities in the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed are invited to participate in meetings of STAC.
  - c. All meetings shall be open to the public and noticed in accordance with North Carolina's open meeting laws.

**C. Management Advisory Committee.**

1. Membership.
- a. The Management Advisory Committee (MAC) will be broad-based and should include representation from federal, state, and local agencies with environmental and natural resource management responsibilities within the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed.
  - b. The Director of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program Office shall nominate the initial MAC membership to be approved by the Policy Board. In making appointments, the Policy Board shall, to the greatest extent possible, seek to ensure that appropriate management agencies are included.
  - c. The MAC may expand its membership as it deems necessary and as set forth in the committee's bylaws.
  - d. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment or invitation from the remaining committee as set forth in the committee's bylaws.
2. Duties.
- a. The MAC shall be responsible for coordinating, supporting, and advocating CCMP implementation strategies at a state and federal agency level.
  - b. The MAC shall advise and consult with the Policy Board, CAC, and STAC on the implementation of CCMP management actions and advancement of the CCMP at the federal, state, and local agency level.
  - c. The MAC will have no authority other than as an advisory body.
  - d. The MAC shall select two members to serve on the Policy Board.
  - e. The MAC shall be responsible for determining its own rules of order, bylaws, chairmanship, attendance requirements, and other matters of protocol.